

**COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA**  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY**

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Administration of County Code Provisions Related  
to the Prevention and Control of Fly Breeding on Commercial Poultry  
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**Purpose**

To provide guidelines for the administration of County Code provisions on the prevention and control of fly breeding on commercial poultry ranches.

**Background**

The Board of Supervisors has adopted and amended Title 6, Division 4, Chapter 3 of the County Code, entitled "Prevention and Control of Fly Breeding for San Diego County (County Code) for the purpose of preventing and controlling flies on commercial poultry ranches. It is the intent of this policy to provide a reasonable approach to implementation of County Code. To that end, this policy takes into account citizen's needs for relief from fly problems and industry's concern regarding enforcement.

**Policy**

It is the policy of the Board of Supervisors that:

1. It is recognized that the County has dual responsibility of education and enforcement related to the prevention and control of fly breeding. It is the intent of the County to employ the educational approach prior to utilizing the enforcement provisions of County Code.
2. In order to provide a balanced approach in education and enforcement the County will allocate adequate funding to hire a vector biologist/consultant/enforcement person to implement the provisions of County Code who is sensitive to the needs of the poultry industry.
3. Effective implementation of County Code provisions requires properly trained staff and knowledgeable Fly Abatement and Appeals Board members. The County will seek on-going training from appropriate educational agencies such as University of California Agricultural Extension Services.
4. Fly Control methodology can only be improved through research. The University of California, through its Agricultural Extension Services, has been instrumental in performing this research which has benefited the poultry industry and in turn the public. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors will consider in its annual budgetary process funding for fly control research.

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5. The University of California Agricultural Extension Service is recognized as a resource agency on matters of fly biology and control. For that reason, that agency shall be invited to attend all Fly Abatement and Appeals Board meetings/ hearings.

6. In the event a notice of violation is appealed, the Fly Abatement and Appeals Board will require the complainant to appear at the hearing.

7. A committee shall be established to perform an assessment of the implementation of County Code and the role of the Fly Abatement and Appeals Board. The committee shall consist of: three (3) members selected from the committee that was established by the Board of Supervisors to review County Code prior to its adoption.

8. Poultry feed-through insecticides are insect growth regulators (IGR's), which may act as an effective larvicide and a means of controlling manure bred flies. The Board of Supervisors supports the use of feed-through insecticides provided that it can be satisfactorily demonstrated not to have any toxic or other detrimental health effects on humans.

9. A space shall be provided on the Official Notice of Violation form to indicate that the commercial poultry rancher or operator is requesting an appeal before the Fly Abatement and Appeals Board regarding findings made by the Director of the Department of Environmental Health.—Upon receipts of the request of appeal, a hearing date shall be set not less than seven (7) days and not more than fifteen (15) days thereafter.

**Sunset Date**

This policy shall be reviewed for continuance by 12-31-16.

**Board Action**

11-19-85 (49)

12-13-88 (73)

4-4-95 (28)

06-18-03 (9)

12-09-08 (33)

12-10-08 (6)

02-24-10 (2)

**CAO Reference**

1. Department of Environmental Health